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DEPT ALSO FOR UNDER SECY HABIB AND NEA ASST SECY ATHERTON

E.O. 11652: NGDS TAGS: PFOR, XF, US SUBJECT: PROPOSAL FOR VISIT OF HIGH LEVEL USG OFFICIAL TO GULF PENINSULA AREA

- 1. DURING GULF/PENINSULA COM'S MEETING IN RIYADH ON FEB 20, SECY AGREED THAT IT COULD BE BENEFICIAL TO US MID EAST POLICY, ENERY POLICY AND BILATERAL RELATIONS TO RAISE OUR INTEREST QUOTIENT IN SMALLER STATES OF THIS AREA.
- 2. IN THIS CONTEXT IT WAS SUGGESTED THAT HIGH LEVEL

BE DISPATCHED TO VISIT COUNTRIES OF AREA IN NEAR FUTURE. NAMES MENTIONED OF POSSIBLE SPECIAL ENVOYS INCLUDED THE VICE PRESIDENT, CONFIDENTIAL

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TREASURY SECRETARY BLUMENTHAL, ENERGY COORDINATOR SCHLESINGER AND UNDER SECY HABIB.

4. I REALIZE THAT SCHEDULES OF PRINCIPALS OF DEPT AND NEW ADMINISTRATION HEAVILY BURDENED WITH TRAVEL AND OTHER OBLIGATIONS. HOWEVER, I BELIEVE POTENTIAL IMPORTANCE OF THIS AREA FOR CRUCIAL MID EAST AND ENERGY PROBLEMS WARRANTS ATTENTION OF A

SPECIAL ENVOY IN PATTERN OF VICE PRESIDENT'S, SECRETARY'S, CLARK CLIFFORD'S AND AMBASSADOR YOUNG'S RECENT TRAVELS.

4. I WOULD APPRECIATE DEPT'S COMMENT ON POSSIBILITY AND TIMING OF SENDING SPECIAL ENVOY, AND OTHER ADDRESSEES' VIEWS ON VALUE OF SUCH A MISSION.
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